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EXPORT OF CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of export of different cash crops during each of the last three years;

(b) the share of major cash crop growing States in the above exports, State-wise;

(c) the present status of India in regard to exports of cash crops in the world; and

(d) the concrete efforts made by the Government during the Eighth Five Year Plan and projected to be made durig the Ninth Plan to boost the export of cash crops?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) The export of different cash crops during each of the last three years in terms of quantity and value is as below:

Period : April- March Quantity: Tonnes Value: Rs. Lakhs

	1999-2000		1998-99		1997-98	
ITEM	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity
Tobacco	99253	138022	76178	88964	107024	144697
Spices	170192	195793	163252	209828	140966	230531
Cashew	245361	93215	163160	79169	140708	81348
Sugar	1076.5	7043	1735.9	12735	24445	173282
Tea	176577	183807	226489	210395	187629	193700
Coffee	136407	165309	172792	193610	169614	160272
Cotton	8067.1	16750	20692	41960	82189	157534
Rubber	N.A.	5989	559.18	1840	512.28	1415

(b) The Central Government maintains the export data for the country as a whole and not State-wise.

(c) India`s share in the export of agro products in the world market is approx. 1%. Some of the cash crops which have significant share in the world market include cashew kernel about 66%, spices about 50%, tea about 15.74% coffee about 4.13%, and tobacco about 4.7%.

(d) Some of the steps taken/proposed to be taken during VIII and IX Five Year Plan to boostthe exports of agro products including cash crops include:

1. Providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, trainings and publicity, rejuvenation of old cashew plantations, area expansion, improving productivity and training of farmers.

2. Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control and modernization of processing units.

3. Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

4. Providing assistance in development of data base and dissemination of market information.

5. Providing assistance for setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality, eliminating contamination & ensuring freedom from fungi and bacteria.